

Mayor Charles "Skip" Lee called a meeting of the Sterling City Council to order at 6:30 pm on Monday, May 18, 2015. Roll call. Present: Aldermen Bob Conklin, Retha Elston, Joe Martin, John Stauter and Christine Wilen. Absent: Alderman Chris Schuchard.

Also present were City Manager Scott Shumard, City Management Intern Kevin Smith, City Attorney Ron Coplan, Finance Director Cindy Von Holten, Fire Chief Gary Cook, Police Chief Ron Potthoff, and Assistant City Clerk Monique Castillo.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Alderman Elston made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

- A) City Council Minutes of May 4, 2015
- B) Bills and Payroll totaling \$1,061,186.06
- C) Resolution #2015-05-09 authorizing the sale of surplus City equipment**
- D) Plan Commission minutes of February 19, 2015 and March 19, 2015
- E) Refer Petition to Plan Commission; Sterling-Rock Falls Historical Society to vacate a portion of ROW
- F) Resolution #2015-05-10 authorizing the sale of City owned obsolete and surplus equipment and abandoned and unclaimed property recovered by the Sterling Police Department**
- G) Partial Pay Request #4 to Civil Constructors, Inc. for 2014-Street Contract #1 in the amount of \$42,361.01
- H) Refer petition to Plan Commission; Rezone 1702 W 4th St from County B-2 to County A-1

The motion was seconded by Alderman Martin. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Conklin, Elston, Martin, Stauter and Wilen. Nays – None. Motion carried.

There was a question of when the auction would be, in reference to item F, unfortunately, date and time are still to be determined.

Alderman Elston made a motion to reappoint Brooke Cochran, Patti Nice and Terri Rodgers to the Library Board. The motion was seconded by Alderman Martin. Voting: Ayes – Alderman Elston, Martin, Stauter, Wilen and Conklin. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Stauter made a motion to appoint Aurelio Gallardo to the Plan Commission. The motion was seconded by Alderman Wilen. Voting: Ayes – Martin, Stauter, Wilen, Conklin and Elston. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Stauter stated he was pleased Mr. Gallardo agreed to sit on the Plan Commission noting he will be a great addition.

Alderman Martin was unfamiliar with Mr. Gallardo and asked that a background be given for future members of this or any other board.

Alderman Elston made a motion to approve a Proclamation declaring May 22, 2015 as Poppy Day. The motion was seconded by Alderman Conklin. Voting: Ayes – Stauter, Wilen, Conklin, Elston and Martin. Nays – None. Motion carried. Mayor Lee read the proclamation into the record.

Mayor welcomed back Attorney Coplan.

Kevin Smith reported the youth from St. Paul Lutheran Church helped with plantings at Grandon Civic Center on Sunday.

Alderman Martin asked if the time and location has been scheduled for the Memorial Day celebration. There was no information available but Sue Melton, American Legion Auxiliary board member stated she would notify the Mayor's office with the information as soon as possible.

Alderman Elston asked how the Clean and Green went. Smith reported they had 2 volunteers on Friday and 5 on Saturday. There was no report regarding drop off site.

Alderman Stauter noted the Clean and Green was not utilized to the max. The Adopt-A-Plant program is a great opportunity to get the word out. Stauter hopes someone will do this next year.

Alderman Martin made a motion to move to "Closed Session" as provided for under 5ILCS 120/2 for the purpose of discussing personnel performance and purchase or lease of real property. The motion was seconded by Alderman Stauter. Voting: Ayes – Alderman Wilen, Conklin, Elston, Martin and Stauter. Nays – None. Motion carried.

The regular meeting adjourned to a Closed Session at 6:45 pm

The regular meeting resumed at 7:39 pm

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:39 pm.